



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s) Van Hamont, et al.

Appln. No.: 08/698,896 (U.S. Patent No. 5,705,197)  
Issued January 1, 1998

Group Art Unit: 1617

Reissue Filed: January 6, 2000

Examiner: T. Criares

Title: HYBRID SOLVENT EVAPORATION-EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING PLGA MICROSPHERES

Date: August 9, 2000

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2000, please consider the  
following remarks.

**Remarks**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully  
requested.

In the June 30 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the reissue oath/declaration  
filed with the application on January 6, 2000 was defective because it failed to identify at  
least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Specifically, on  
page 2 of the Action the Examiner stated:

There is a failure in the declaration to identify and specify the errors relied  
upon and how they arose. Applicant merely states at page 2, first full paragraph  
of the declaration:

"In particular, we believe that the claims as issued are too narrow given  
the breadth of the disclosure in the specification. We believe that this was the  
result of our patent attorney's failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention."